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REMARKS

The following is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-32, 34-37, 39-55, and 57 were examined. The Examiner provisionally rejected all of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested for the reasons discussed below.

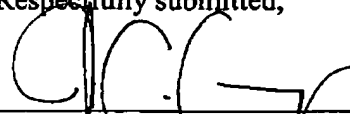
Double Patenting Rejections

In this Final Office Action, claims 1, 3-6, 8-32, 34-37, 39-55, and 57 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4, and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,323,879. In response, the Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer to eliminate a double patenting issue relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,323,879. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-32, 34-37, 39-55, and 57.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, Applicant believes that he has overcome all of the rejections and objections set forth in the Final Office Action mailed December 13, 2005 and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

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